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Officers cleared in Fenwick shootout



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Police and emergency crews at the scene of last October's triple-shooting in Fenwick. The province's Special Investigations Unit has released a report on the incident. See more on page 2



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Shooter ambushed cops in hallway: report

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The man who shot two Niagara Regional Police officers last October left his apartment with his hands up before pulling a concealed handgun from his waistband and opening fire, according to a report.

The province's Special Investigations Unit released its findings of the dramatic events last Thursday after concluding its investigation last week.

The incident occurred in a hallway of a Fenwick apartment building on Canboro Road on Oct. 10, 2015.

Both officers and the man were wounded.

The Special Investigations Unit is Ontario's civilian over-

sight agency responsible for investigating circumstances involving police that result in death or serious injury.

The SIU cleared all the officers involved of any wrongdoing.

"Consider the scene," said Joseph Martin, the SIU's acting director. "These were tight quarters and the officers had little to no benefit of distance or cover when the man left his apartment, acted as if he was surrendering and then drew a concealed handgun and started firing."

"The two witness officers, in particular, were severely exposed, being closest to the man and were shot at point blank range before they were able to react."

The incident began at about 8 p.m. when police

received a call concerning a depressed and suicidal 28-year-old man, who was in possession of several firearms.

The call indicated he might have bomb-making material.

The officers are listed in the report as Officer No. 1 and Officer No. 2. After the other residents of the third floor were evacuated, two other officers took up positions at either end of the hallway.

Officer No. 1 is believed to be Const. Neal Ridley, Officer No. 2 is believed to be Const. Jake Braun.

The man was identified by neighbours as Corey Richardson. He had recently broken up with his girlfriend, they said at the time of the shooting.

Attempts to reach Richardson were unsuccessful.

Police have not confirmed that Richardson was involved in the incident.

Richardson has not been charged and police have not identified a suspect, but the shooting remains under

criminal investigation by the NRP's homicide unit. They aren't releasing any more information about their investigation at this time.

The SIU reported that as the officers waited for the arrival of the NRP's tactical unit, the man stepped out of his apartment into the hallway.

He quickly re-entered the apartment and closed the door. In the brief moment when the door was opened, the officers saw he indeed had several long guns, according to the report.

Ridley spoke to the man through the door. After several minutes of conversation, Ridley holstered his firearm and raised his hands in front of the man's peephole to assure him he meant no harm. The man agreed to leave his apartment.

When the man stepped out a few minutes later, he had his hands up. It appeared he was surrendering peacefully.

As he took several steps in

the direction of the officers, he pulled a handgun from his waistband and started shooting, according to the report. The SIU said he fired nine shots.

The report said Ridley was struck and fell to the floor. The bullet passed through his shoulder and exited through his neck. Ridley fired one shot at the man.

Braun attempted to shoot at the man, but his rifle jammed before discharging any rounds.

Two other officers at the end of the hallway returned fire, and man was struck "and incapacitated," the report said. The officers fired seven shots in all.

Ridley and the man were rushed to hospital with serious, life-threatening injuries. Each survived. Braun was wounded in the foot.

Ridley is an eight-year member of the force and recipient of awards in 2013 and 2014 for his commitment to safer communities through his role as a school resource officer.

Braun is a five-year member of the force and recipient of the Ontario Police College student of the year award (2011).

"The main point that has been reiterated by the SIU investigation is the heroic effort displayed by the officers that night," said Cliff Priest, president of the Niagara Region Police Association. "It is very clear, the officer that suffered the



JULIE JOOSAK/POSTMEDIA NETWORK
Niagara Regional Police
Const. Neal Ridley.

most severe and potentially fatal injuries, tried to de-escalate the event to the point of putting his gun away."

"It is a very traumatic and stressful situation for these officers. They were shot at. They shot back. It has a lasting effect on everyone involved. It is something that will stay with them for the rest of their lives."

"Most of us, thank God, have never had to do it, and we hope we never will. We know that there is the potential for this on every call we go on. We had some information about weapons, but we get these calls all the time."

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No NRE this year

ALLAN BENNER and
MICHELLE ALLENBERG
Postmedia Network

For what could be the first time in 163 years, there will not be a Niagara Regional Exhibition.

Facing declining revenues and volunteers, the Niagara Regional Agricultural Society board members reluctantly voted about two weeks ago to cancel this year's exhibition.

But society president Raymond Ravazzolo said the board plans to bring the historic fair back to Welland in 2017, for Canada's 150th birthday.

Ravazzolo said the board chose to cancel the NRE this year after some back and forth between board members about "a lot of hard things."

Board member Bill Foote said declining attendance "definitely played a role" in the decision.

It's been a very stressful two years. There's a lot of issues that have arisen over the past few years that have dragged us a little closer to the edge of the toilet seat," Foote said.

"It just seems like the people in the region are not really interested in going to an agricultural fair. To be quite honest we haven't really kept up with the times. You realize the complexity of running an exhibition and the kind of manpower that it actually requires."

Without the support of the community, Foote said the financial responsibility "takes its toll on you."

"You're trying to find different ways of pinching pennies and making changes and being responsible financially to the board and

the people of Niagara."

"Sometimes, there's just not enough money to put something like this on to the caliber that the public expects," he said. "It has to be something that is going to pay for itself. Unfortunately over the past few years, we haven't been able to do that."

The NRE has invested in the property as well recently, installing lighting and electrical services among other enhancements.

Meanwhile, bringing large attractions to the fair often costs far more than the board recoups through ticket sales, and much of that goes toward paying the city.

For instance, security costs are more than \$10,000, and paying Welland firefighters to be on standby for the demolition derby or fireworks displays adds significantly to the cost of running the event.

Welland Mayor Frank Campion said he was unaware the NRE was having any difficulties.

Campion said board members from the NRE would have to reach out to the city for assistance, but no one had. If the NRE had contacted the city, Campion said he is sure city councillors would have been in favour of providing assistance.

"We would like to work with them to make that happen. We can enter into talks with them to make it happen. It's unfortunate, we could have helped them," Campion said.

Welland is sure to feel an impact from the absence of the Niagara Food Festival and the NRE. Campion said many visitors and vendors come from out of town, they need to stay somewhere and spend money eating out.

"I don't know what the spin off impact will be, but there will be an economic impact."

For Campion, the biggest impact is the loss of the exhibition for a year — there are so many memories created. He hopes whatever issues the NRE are dealing with can be resolved so it can return in 2017.

Welland MPP Cindy Forster said she knew the fair had been struggling for the past few years, but learning that the fair had been cancelled was disappointing.

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MARYANNE FRITH/POSTMEDIA FILE PHOTO

Mysterious, a 1,500-pound Guernsey cow from Comfort Farms in St. Ann's, has her neck hair sheared by Nathan High as she readies for the cattle show at the Niagara Regional Exhibition in this September 2011 file photo. There will be no fair this year.

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Perception is reality.

It's a catchy bit of phrasing isn't it? When someone says it, people nod in agreement as though they just heard the collective wisdom of every great philosopher summed up in three words.

However, "perception is reality" is the sort of verbal trick that makes sense until you think about it for a moment.

To be fair, there is some truth in those words.

If a person constantly thinks of themselves in an overly negative fashion, that can have a profound impact on their behaviour.

Otherwise, it is just so much pap. Reality doesn't change through the lens of our attitudes or wants. Gravity, for instance, doesn't give a hoot about your perceptions. You might believe, like Peter Pan, that you can fly by thinking happy thoughts, but you'll still plummet to a messy doom if you leap from a building.

Why am I ranting so? Because "perception is reality" is the summation of the argument Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs offered up as a rebuttal to the July 14 edition of this column titled "Niagara is not great."

I had grown weary of the empty rhetoric of ponderous politicians who use a transparently false mythology of "greatness" as a community broom.

There are bright spots in Niagara to be sure, but the region continues to suffer from chronically high unemployment, shamefully high rates of child poverty and skyrocketing housing costs.

With only a few notable exceptions, Niagara is neither a hub of culture nor an economic power.



BOB TYMCZAK/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Columnist Grant LaFleche responds to Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs' contention that "Niagara is great."

These are facts. Yet, too many of our political leaders and community boosters — placing far too much emphasis upon positive branding — repeat the tired slogan, "Niagara is great."

Thus enters Mayor Jeffs, whose rebuttal effectively defines greatness as having some pretty landscaping, a psychic show at the Meridian Centre and positive attitude.

By that measure, just about every community in Canada is "great." And if everything is exceptional, then nothing is.

Jeffs is correct when she points out the excellence of Niagara's wine industry. There is no question it is the bright light of our economy. But it doesn't employ most Niagarans nor can it solve the deeper problems the region faces.

Jeffs brushes off the economic malaise of Niagara saying there is "always room for improvement, and we will continue to build on our strengths here in the great region of Niagara."

Perhaps the mayor should spend more time visiting our food banks which now operate in a state of near-constant crisis, or the homes of single parents having to work multiple jobs to put food on the table, or the schools where a breakfast program is the only access some children have to a healthy meal.

If she does, she will realize this isn't a question of finding "room for improvement" but facing serious economic and social issues that have no easy solutions.

While I welcome the rebut-

tal column — encouraging debate is why this column exists — Jeffs does her argument no favours by only partly quoting me when she notes that "LaFleche says he often hears from the parents of children who say they love Niagara and want to stay here. So, doesn't that mean they think Niagara is great?"

What I wrote was that "I often hear from readers who say their kids love Niagara and want to stay here, but have left for other communities with better opportunities."

The young and the talented find few opportunities here and move on, Niagara is their home, and they would prefer to work where they grew up, but reality has forced their hand.

The problems faced by Niagara are manifestly not an issue

of perception. They aren't going to be solved by positive spin.

These are long-standing and systemic problems that require well thought out solutions. The region also needs the kind of political leadership that galvanizes Niagara residents to strive for greatness, rather than a blithe acceptance of the status quo.

The closest Niagara has come to that of transformational leadership is in St. Catharines with Mayor Walter Szendzik's "compassionate city" concept.

Szendzik calls for nothing less than a complete transformation of how the community approaches issues of poverty and homelessness. If successful, Szendzik's experiment could make the Garden City an example for other struggling communities.

gling communities.

I am not, as Jeffs suggests, leading a campaign against Niagara. Rather, I am urging our political class to push aside easy sloganeering and speak with some frankness about the problems Niagara faces.

I recently attended a lecture at Brock University by visiting University of Toronto professor Rinaldo Walcott, who said something that ought to be Niagara's operating maxim: "Never be satisfied with the status quo."

We should not claim greatness but reach for it.

There is great value to be found in grappling honestly with a difficult reality and much worth in inspiring a community to build a better tomorrow for itself.

LOCAL NEWS

NRE cancelled for this year

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 "I try and get there every year," she said. "But I've noticed in the past few years there aren't as many people attending on a regular basis."

Forster was encouraged by the plans to regroup and return for 2017.

"Maybe they need to reinvent themselves in some way so they can attract more people from across the region to attend," she said.

Forster said there are arms-length provincial agencies that help finance events, adding Canal Days in Port Colborne has received funding in the past.

However, she said she wasn't certain whether the fair would meet the criteria for that funding.

Forster said the loss of the event this year will be felt by other organizations, too.

"They use volunteer groups to actually take the fares at the gates and assist with parking, and they provide those agencies - like Rebecca Lodge, for example - with a little bit of money which the groups use to support their own charitable causes."

Footo said finding people willing to volunteer their time to help run the event has also proved to be a challenge.

"The volunteer base is drastically reduced over the last five, 10 or 15 years," he said.

"The younger people are

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The volunteer base is drastically reduced over the last five, 10 or 15 years.”

Board member Bill Foote

working two or three jobs trying to make a living, and the older people, we're getting a little long in the tooth. The idea of putting in 70 hours over three days is just not feasible anymore."

"It takes key people on their feet going to deal with different issues that have arisen during the course of the day and solving problems."

Forster also recognized the contributions of the volunteers.

"These people are volunteers for the most part. They might have one or two paid people, but people volunteer hundreds of hours and do things to raise money in other ways because they're not taking in enough at the gate to support the event," she said.

The fair can trace its roots back to 1832 when an agricultural event was held on the farm and hotel owned by Ephraim Hopkins. The event grew into the Niagara Regional Exhibition in 1853, a year after the County of Welland was established.

Ravazzolo said this is the first time in recent history the NRE has been cancelled, and his father Raymond Sr. said in the 70 years he participated in the exhibition there has never been a cancellation.

Ravazzolo said the board never entertained the idea of cancelling the fair indefinitely, because it has been a

large part of Niagara's heritage.

"People seem to always want to go do something new, bulldozing over the past and history and that's wrong."

Ravazzolo said the changes to the exhibition will be kept under wraps until next year.

But Foote said the board

is considering changes, such as adding a large flea market to the fair to raise money to help finance the agricultural portions of the event.

"We have to get proactive and we have to look at ways of getting the people in," he said. "But it's going to take a lot of work and a lot of volunteers."

"We need key people who realize the value of what we have and also look at a clear road ahead to make it possible to bring this back to the region."

Another Welland event held in September, the Niagara Food Festival, was cancelled earlier this year, as well.



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Pelham defers start of public art project

WAYNE CAMPBELL

Special to Pelham News

Pelham town council last Monday balked at immediately accepting a \$200,000 public art piece.

It acknowledged the contest's winning design, a sculpture of a split standing oak tree by Spanish artist Juanjo Novello.

The 12-metre-high metal open tree won out over a colourful Pelham Gateway representing the communities of Pelham by Jennifer Marman and Daniel Borins of Toronto. It also blew past a stylized Pelham House by Kip Jones, also from Toronto.

However, after almost 90 minutes of discussion with the selection committee, town councillors deferred a decision to go ahead. They wanted more information about timing of construction, about possible cost increases if the project is delayed and about a possible federal grant to offset funding.

The public art matter will come back to the next meeting of town council on Monday, Aug. 22.

Councillors said they have received critical calls, e-mails and comments from residents about the \$200,000 contest.

The piece of public art is to serve as a gateway feature at the eastern entrance to Fonthill at Regional Road 20 and Rice Road.

The design committee, however, now recommends moving the piece to the back of a water retention pond for better display and use.

A public survey featuring the three finalists received more than 150 responses. They favoured the Novello tree sculpture, said Donna Hinde, a consultant with The Planning Partnership.

The selection committee directed the contest. It whittled down 25 entries from across

Canada, the United States and Europe to three. Consultants had to be experienced public art designers with completed projects.

Ward 3 Coun. John Durrey said 150 responses to pick a winner in a town of almost 17,000 did not indicate much interest from town residents.

Mayor Dave Augustyn said it was more responses than the 133 a similar survey on the design for the Maple Area Library received.

In answer to a question, chief administrative officer Darren Ottaway said if town council accepted the recommendation of the selection committee, it would have to go ahead. It already had the project in its budget.

Ward 3 Coun. Peter Papp cautioned by saying, "we are the corporation, we get to decide." He did not want to leave an impression that this was a "done deal."

"We are echoing what we hear in the street," he said.

Ward 2 Coun. Gary Accursi said he was uncomfortable with construction during the spring of 2017.

It would be the same time heavy equipment will be moving around the site as East Fonthill building projects are under way, he said.

Ward 1 Coun. Richard Rybick favoured the emphasis on nature and trees in the public art.

"We wanted something provocative, we have done that."

Ward 2 Coun. Catherine King liked the winning design and recalled the stir made by Henry Moore's art at Toronto's City Hall.

Hinde, the town's consultant, said there is economic value in a prestigious piece of public art like this. It attracts attention and visitors to Pelham, especially if the town has a work by an artist like Juanjo Novello.

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Notice to Designate a Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

<p>NOTICE TO DESIGNATE</p>	<p>In accordance with Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, and in the matter of the lands and premises, known as the Comfort House, located at 1732 Cream Street in the Town of Pelham in the province of Ontario,</p> <p>TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Pelham intends to designate property situated at 1732 Cream Street (Comfort House) in the Town of Pelham, in the Province of Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.</p>
<p>Description of Property</p>	<p>The property at 1732 Cream Street is located on the west side of Cream Street, north of Tice Road. Its legal description is Con 6 Pt Lot 12 59R-4007 Part 1, 2, and 3.</p>
<p>Short Statement of the Reason for the Designation</p>	<p>The property at 1732 Cream Street (Comfort House) is worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value. The property meets the criteria for designation prescribed by the Province of Ontario under the three categories of design/physical value, historical/associative value, and contextual value.</p>
<p>Statement of Design and/or Architectural Value and/or Interest</p>	<p>1732 Cream Street is a two-storey residence that was built between approximately 1808 and 1839. The house was designed in the Georgian style of architecture, currently finished with blue-toned wood siding veneer. The second floor is considerably smaller in terms of height than that of the first storey. The home has a side-gable style of roofing, in which two panels meet at a ridge in the middle of the building and hang over the front facade of the house. The building is simple and symmetrical in form, with small-paned 12 over 12 double-hung sash windows found on the front of the first floor. The back facade windows as well as the second floor windows are casement in style, and the building also features sliding sash windows on the western side. The front door detail is very simple, is centrally located in proximity to the main portion of the house, and features a 9-paned glass rectangular window. Georgian houses are known to be solid and well-built structures which tend to remain virtually unchanged for a number of years after their origin, suggesting it is unlikely the exterior has changed significantly since its construction and will remain as is for a long period of time.</p> <p>A one-storey addition to the east side of the house features a similar side-gable roof, a large bay window on the front facade as well as a secondary entrance with a door identical to that of the main entrance. Interiorly, the residence contains two large fireplaces made of red brick that were likely used at one time, but have since been reverted into a decorative facet of the dining and living rooms as evidenced by a lack of concealing chimney stack on the exterior. The interior is characterized by hardwood flooring, large exposed wood beam ceilings, and windows and doorways framed with single wooden board accents. Doors found throughout the interior are typically made of light-coloured wood, and accented by antique brass handsets.</p>
<p>Statement of Historical and/or Associative Value and/or Interest</p>	<p>In 1808, 100 acres of property located at 1732 Cream Street was patent to David Secord Sr. Major David Secord of St. David's was a brother-in-law to Laura Secord, and he received the lands as a Crown Grant. Major Secord was a businessman and political figure in Upper Canada. Born in New York City in August 1759, he settled at Queenston in Upper Canada after the war with his father. His father served with Butler's Rangers during the American Revolution, and later David also served as a corporal in the same unit.</p> <p>David helped establish the community of St. David's where he built a sawmill, gristmill, blacksmith shop and general store, and his brother James – husband of Laura Secord – also settled there. In 1796, David was appointed justice of the peace in the Home District, and was elected to the 5th Parliament of Upper Canada representing 2nd Regiment of the Lincoln Militia. He later was elected to the 7th Parliament for 3rd Lincoln. He served in the local militia, eventually reaching the rank of major.</p> <p>During the War of 1812, his built work in St. David's was destroyed by the Americans. Major David died in August of 1844 and was buried in the Methodist cemetery of St. David's. Unfortunately, evidence as to whether Secord actually took up residence in Pelham at any time is inconclusive.</p> <p>At some point between the 1st and 2nd abstract of the Land Registry Patent for 1732 Cream Street, dating between 1808 and 1816, the 100 acres of land were transferred from David Secord Sr. to Peter Tice. No record of sale exists to identify when this occurred. The Comfort Family sold patent of the land in June of 1816, and the Land Registry Patent document provides evidence of further conveyances amongst the Comfort Family dating to 1862.</p> <p>Robert Comfort was a United Empire Loyalist. The Comfort Family has strong historical significance to the Town of Pelham, including a long history of philanthropy to the Pelham community. In one instance, John Comfort donated land for the North Pelham Presbyterian Church to be built upon; Dr. Wm. Mingle Comfort also donated land for which the manse of the same church was built on; and, Dr. Comfort's children later donated land for a buffer strip to the west of this church as well.</p>
<p>Statement of Contextual Value and/or Interest</p>	<p>The Comfort Family Home at 1732 Cream Street is located a short distance to the south of North Pelham. The original 100-acre plot of land was considered to be a part of the village of Ridgeway, albeit located north of the village boundaries and within the greater vicinity of the Town of Pelham. North Pelham Park was formerly a part of the 100-acre plot, however has since been sold to the Town. The land directly surrounding the residence is heavily wooded, and the house itself sits considerably far back on the lot to the west of Cream Street and north of Tice Road.</p> <p>Located on the land to the north is also the previously designated heritage landmark known as the Comfort Maple Tree. The Comfort Maple is a very significant part of Pelham's history. It is believed to be the oldest and largest sugar maple tree in Canada. Its importance to the Town has been demonstrated through its use on the front of Pelham's tourism brochure since 1999, as well as its incorporation into the Coat of Arms for the Town of Pelham since 1979 as a symbol of Pelham's place in Canada. The tree is a source of pride for the Comfort family, the citizens of Pelham, the Niagara Region, and the current owner of the tree and its surrounding land. The site of the Comfort Maple is under the care of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.</p>
<p>Need more info? Contact us!</p>	<p>The short statement of reason for the designation including a description of the heritage attributes along with all other components of the detailed Heritage Report constitute the "reason for designation" required under the Ontario Heritage Act.</p> <p>For more information, please contact Ms. Julie Hannah, Planner, at 905-892-2607, ext. 319, or email at jhannah@pelham.ca.</p>
<p>Important Information</p>	<p>Any objections to this proposed designation must set out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts and must be filed with the Town Clerk, Nancy J. Bozatto, PO Box 400, 20 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill, Ontario, L0S 1E0 no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday September 2, 2016 (within 30 days of the publication of this notice). Unless indicated otherwise, personal information and all comments will become part of the public record and may be publicly released.</p> <p>Dated at the Town of Pelham, this 4th day of August, 2016. Nancy J. Bozatto, Town Clerk</p>

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NRE coming back next year

LAURA BARTON
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Welland has said goodbye to its annual fair — at least for this year.

Word dropped early last week about the cancellation of the Niagara Regional Exhibition. Comments on the Welland Tribune's Facebook page soon followed. People left remarks of shock and exasperation, especially since the exhibition is just one more cancelled event the city can add to its list.

Many are wondering how other centres, some as small or smaller than Welland, can keep their events going, but things here just can't seem to survive.

Raymond Ravazzolo, president of the Niagara Regional Agricultural Society, said he's been on the phone consistently for the past three days and is exhausted.

When the news dropped about the cancellation of the fair last Wednesday, he

said it was because of financial struggles and lack of attendance.

Over the past several years, there have been reports of a decline in revenue.

The event isn't gone forever, though.

"We're getting ready for one-five-oh, for next year," Ravazzolo said.

He called Canada's 150 anniversary of confederation the "perfect time" to bring the event back.

On Facebook Sandi Curcio, commented that the fair has had a lot of time to get revamped already and that it should have been done years ago.

In the meantime, Ravazzolo said although the vendors and attractions had been scheduled for this year's exhibition, they've all been taken care of now that the fair isn't happening.

"I've got all that covered, I promise you," he said.

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Dan MacDonald, left, of Brantford, sets up a ball toss game at the Niagara Regional Exhibition in Welland in this 2012 file photo.

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While he doesn't always handle every one of those details, he said "nobody's going to be left out in the cold."

He declined to comment about deposits being returned or any other monetary details.

Efforts were made to learn how some of the vendors and exhibitors have been affected by the cancellation, but most did not respond by deadline.

Impact Motor Sports, in charge of the demolition derby that takes place at the event each year, declined to comment.

I've got all that covered. I promise you. Nobody's going to be left out in the cold."

Raymond Ravazzolo,
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